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TWO MEXICAN CITIZENS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF COCAINE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Jose Juan Lopez-Arias, and Celia Icedo-Medrano, both citizens of Mexico and now incarcerated in the Marion County Jail, were charged today with possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Lopez-Arias and Icedo-Medrano were arrested by law enforcement officers after a surveillance and subsequent search of their residence uncovered approximately nine kilograms of cocaine.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Lopez-Arias and Icedo-Medrano face a maximum of life in prison and a \$4,000,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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